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### MILITARY ACADEMY IN BRNO

1. [redacted] a military technical academy (VTA - Vojenska technicka akademie) was located in the city of Brno near the intersection of Veveri and Hrncirske streets. [redacted] This academy was a former technical school, and in September 1951 it became the Vojenska technicka akademie (Military Technical Academy). [redacted]

#### Subordination

2. [redacted] the Brno Military Technical Academy was directly under the Ministry of National Defense (MNO) - Ministerstvo narodni obrany).

#### Criteria of and Inducements for Admission

3. [redacted] the academy was strictly voluntary, and cadets were required to possess a high school diploma and pass both a physical and an entrance examination before being accepted for enrollment. [redacted] the cadets would receive their board and lodging, uniforms and 300 crowns per month during their attendance at the academy. This he considered a very good inducement, since the 300 crowns was strictly spending money for the cadets.

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4. [redacted] many of the young men also enrolled to get a free education. Other inducements were that they would be eliminated from the normal draft and would graduate as officers.

50X1 Composition of Students and Faculty

5. [redacted] the majority of cadets were in the 19 to 21 age group. However, [redacted] some who were older, perhaps 28 to 30 years of age. [redacted]  
 50X1 approximately 30% of the entire cadet body were so-called "Adekari" (ADK - Absolvent delnického kursu - Graduate of a Worker's Course). The Communists had introduced in Czechoslovakia so-called "Workers' Courses", in which politically reliable workers had an opportunity to complete their regular high school education. In the event they had not done so during their normal school years. These were accelerated-type courses in which a four year course could be completed in one. [redacted] "Adekari" merely took the entrance exams as a formality, being sure of enrollment regardless of their academic standing.

6. [redacted]  
 50X1 [redacted] However,  
 50X1 judging from the size of buildings where this Academy was located, [redacted] perhaps 1,000 cadets could have been accommodated there. [redacted]

50X1 Graduation and Commissioning of Students

7. [redacted] the normal school attendance was of five years duration, at which time the cadets would graduate and enter the regular army for a period of five years. Upon graduation the cadets were to receive a commission (in the branch of service according to their studies) as a junior lieutenant (podporučik), lieutenant (poručik) or senior lieutenant (nadporučik). These ranks would be awarded to the cadets according to their academic and military standing. [redacted] their political reliability would also be taken into consideration.

Subjects Taught

8. Civilian: [redacted]  
 50X1 [redacted] the courses consisted  
 50X1 of chemistry, electrical engineering, aeronautics, mechanics and  
 50X1 military surveying. [redacted] the cadets  
 50X1 wore the uniform of the branch of service which most closely related to their studies, i.e., aeronautical students wore the Air Force uniform and chemistry students wore the Army uniform with chemical warfare insignia.

9. Military: [redacted]  
 50X1 [redacted] the cadets received one day  
 50X1 per week of military training. [redacted]  
 50X1 [redacted]  
 50X1 [redacted]

10. Summer Military Training: During the summer vacation the cadets were required to attend a 30 to 60 day summer training period.

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 50X1 [redacted]  
 50X1 [redacted]  
 50X1 [redacted]

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50X1 [redacted] the cadets probably  
 50X1 went to some army installation [redacted]

50X1 Teaching Staff

11. [redacted] the academy had a military staff consisting of  
 50X1 officers, EM and some civilian instructors. [redacted]

50X1 [redacted] the military component of the staff consisted  
 50X1 of officers and EM of the various branches of services which were  
 50X1 represented at the school. [redacted] the commandant of  
 50X1 the school was a General Strnad (fnu) who had been a professor at  
 50X1 the school prior to its inception as a military academy. [redacted]

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Daily Training and Equipment

12. [redacted]  
 50X1 [redacted] a large yard near the dormitories where drill and  
 50X1 physical training was conducted. [redacted] the cadets lived  
 50X1 in the dormitories, which were a short walk from the academy and  
 50X1 daily marched to and from the academy in an organized formation.

50X1 Uniforms of Students

13. [redacted] the cadet body consisted of both males and  
 50X1 females, and all cadets wore military uniforms at all times. [redacted]  
 50X1 [redacted] the percentage of females [redacted] was very  
 50X1 small. [redacted]

14. [redacted] several differently colored uniforms  
 50X1 worn by cadets at the academy. [redacted] Air Force uniforms which  
 50X1 were blue with dark blue shoulderboards and white piping. [redacted]  
 50X1 OD uniforms worn with black shoulderboards with yellow piping,  
 50X1 which [redacted] was the uniform of the Chemical Corps. [redacted]  
 50X1 OD uniforms worn with black shoulderboards with red piping,  
 50X1 which [redacted] was either the artillery or mechanized uniform.  
 50X1 all uniforms consisted of a rolled-type collar  
 50X1 blouse, trousers (skirts for females), greenish-khaki shirts and  
 50X1 brown ties. Male cadets wore the service cap (brigadyrka), color  
 50X1 matching the uniform. while female cadets wore brown berets.  
 50X1 [redacted] these uniforms were the same as  
 50X1 those worn by regular army officers.

15. [redacted] some of the cadets had stripes of rank on their  
 50X1 conventional inverted V-type shoulderboards. [redacted]

50X1 [redacted] On the right sleeve of his  
 50X1 blouse, each cadet wore chevrons, approximately 15 cm. above the  
 50X1 edge of the sleeve cuff. These chevrons were about six millimeters  
 50X1 wide, each arm of the chevron being approximately five centimeters  
 50X1 long, and were worn with the point of the chevron pointing upward.  
 50X1 Each chevron indicated the year of Academy attendance [redacted]

50X1 [redacted] Thus, a first year  
 50X1 cadet wore one chevron, a second year cadet two, etc. Most of the  
 50X1 chevrons which [redacted] were three in number, since  
 50X1 the Military Technical Academy had been in operation as such since  
 50X1 1951. The color of the above-described sleeve chevrons corresponded  
 50X1 with the color of each individual's shoulderboards' piping.

16. [redacted] the female cadets of the Brno Military Technical  
 50X1 Academy wore [redacted] the uniforms of chemical corps  
 50X1 (OD's with black shoulderboards and yellow piping on the shoulder-  
 50X1 boards). [redacted] all female cadets  
 50X1 were chemistry students.

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Student Ranks

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[redacted] all cadets held the same "honorary" rank of junior lieutenant (podporucik) but wore no rank insignia. However, [redacted] the cadets were required to salute all officers and that all EM were required to salute cadets.

MILITARY MEDICAL ACADEMY (VLA-Vojenska lekarska akademie) IN HRADEC  
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[redacted] prior to the fall of 1951 an unknown percentage of students at the Masaryk University in Brno, the Charles University in Prague and the University in Hradec Kralove were studying medicine as members of the armed forces. [redacted]

[redacted] At that time medical students who were members of the military were consolidated and continued their studies in a body at the Hradec Kralove Academy only.

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